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Hi Alyssa,

Attached is the draft permit and fact sheet, as well as a summary of copper DMR data I pulled from ICIS. Please offer my contact info, below to any staff that you may have reviewing this information. I would be happy to speak with them.

Thank you,
Dana

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Thanks, Jessica!

We'd be interested in seeing the draft permit, but the summary you've provided below is really helpful.

Thanks,
Alyssa

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Virginia, Alyssa

I wanted to follow up Michelle's email last week regarding the permit referenced in her message and provide a little bit of information specific to the permit.

Below is a short summary of the permit and context. The permit, as drafted, was not required to be provided to us for review as it does not meet any of our coordination and review criteria (e.g. TMDL, 303(d), etc.). However, given the history of the permit, the interest in the past, and the fact that PA sent it to us for review, we are looking at the permit to determine if any comments are warranted.

Please advise if you would like us to share the draft permit and fact sheet with you.

On April 20, 2020, EPA received PADEP's draft NPDES permit for the Coudersport Area Municipal Authority (CAMA) WWTP. In 2017, the WWTP proposed to receive and treat oil and gas wastewater from Epiphany, a centralized waste treatment facility, which caused concerns with the Seneca Nation of Indians (SNI) in New York regarding downstream receiving streams' water quality. At the time, EPA Region 3 initiated coordination with Region 2. In September 2018 a consultation meeting with the tribe was held. In April 2018, CAMA withdrew its permit application for the PADEP NPDES permit. The current draft permit before EPA for review no longer includes the receipt of the oil and gas wastewater. We have contacted the PADEP permit writer to discuss concerns with the draft permit not related to the acceptance of oil and gas wastewater; including RP for copper, and given the discharge is to the Allegheny River, the potential for impact to T&E mussels. EPA's 30-day comment deadline is May 20, 2020. Dana Hales (cc'd on this email) is our PA Permits lead and the reviewer of this permit.

If you have any questions or concerns please let me know, or have your staff contact Dana directly.

Respectfully,
Jessica

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Subject: Follow-up from call on 5/1

Good morning Alyssa,

I hope that you had a good weekend. Thanks for taking the time to connect with me on Friday about the Seneca Nation and the permit. As we had discussed, I wanted to send a follow-up email that includes Jessica and Virginia so that we can map out some action items based on our discussion. I copied Greg Voigt on this email because he has been engaged on Seneca issues and is keenly aware of the status of the agreement, pending TAS and consultation request for the formal agreement.

1. Process – we (R2 & R3) are going to map out a baseline process with points of contacts for our Regional communication on water related matters. Patricia Gleason, copied on this email is the lead on the Clean Water Branch for Tribal coordination. She is located my Permits Section and her role is to work with me, the Section Chiefs and member of the Branch on Tribal activities. She will serve as the conduit of information and work with your folks to build the SOP.

2.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Please let me know if I missed anything and who you would like Pat to work with as we develop this SOP and POC paper.

Happy Public Servants Week! Thanks for your dedication to protect human health and the environment!
Michelle

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